(c) National Open School has informed Government that number of students admitted/certified in Academic Courses at Secondary and Senior Secondary level during the last three years were as given below:—

Year	Secondary Course		Senior Secondary Course	
	Admitted	Certified	Admitted	Certified
1998-99	75699	27878	46172	18311
1999-2000	86854	41234	59580	23203
2000-2001	109213	45443	75916	21832

NGOs spreading literacy

1411. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Non-Governmental Organisations functioning under the Ministry of Human Resource Development and its Departments throughout the country;

(b) whether any State-wise list of these NGOs has been prepared, so far;

(c) if so, details thereof, indicating whether any NGOs are involved in spreading literacy;

(d) whether any grants-in-aid have been given to such NGOs; and

(e) if so, how much and whether accounts are maintained/audited and regularised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (e) The Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) do not function under the Ministry of Human Resource Development or any other Government Department. However, this Ministry provides financial assistance to NGOs throughout the country under various schemes. State-wise details of NGOs receiving grants of Rs. one lakh and above are generally given in the Annual Reports of the Ministry. During the last three years, 88 NGOs have been provided financial assistance for implementing literacy programmes under

the scheme of National Literacy Mission (NLM) Support to NGOs in the field of Adult Education. Details of the grants are as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)
1998-99	6.65
1999-2000	9.00
2000-2001	11.00

The Organisations maintain accounts and get the final accounts for the year audited by Government Auditors/Chartered Accountant and submit these in original to the Ministry alongwith the Utilisation Certificate on completion of the project or within 6 months from the close of financial year whichever is earlier.

Non-formal Education Centers

1412. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, Students future bleak in schools that don't exist appearing in the Hindustan Times of 22nd February, 2002;

(b) whether the scheme of Non-formal Education Centres (NECs) was scrapped by the Centre two years ago;

(c) whether about 3000 students of NECs in Bhopal only have not been allowed to appear in examinations this year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) what steps are being taken by the Centre to decide the fate of these students; and

(f) what are the comparative figures of students studying in NECs, throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme of Non-formal education was discontinued from 1.4.2001 and has been replaced by Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative & Innovative Education (EGS&AIE) w.e.f. 1.4.2001.